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Signing autographs



Former Cleveland Indians outfielder Albert Belle signed some autographs, took a few pictures and played a game of pick-up basketball while working out in JCU's fitness complex Monday and Tuesday. Belle's trainer said he was at JCU because the school has great facilities.

Jennifer Tallisman

Giving Tree project underway

Denise Glaros
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll community is doing its part to fulfill Christmas wishes with the fifth annual Giving Tree, which was on display in the Atrium and is presently located in the St. Francis Chapel.

This past week students took ornaments bearing the names of children or elderly persons from the tree.

Students will then buy a present for the person, and they can put the wrapped gift underneath the tree in the Chapel.

The Student Union contacted local volunteer organizations in search of possible recipients of the gifts, said James Sullivan, a volunteer with the Giving Tree project.

Monroe France, chairperson of the Giving Tree project, said that presents are donated to three different groups of people: children from a migrant farm town in Immokalee, Florida, senior citizens from MetroHealth Medical

Center and children from Family Transitional Housing in Cleveland.

France stated that the gifts for

the children, ages 5 to 14 years old, range from board games, art kits, sports equipment and cassette players. The Student Union, which monitors the presents that will be delivered, placed an emphasis on educational items this year, France said. Action figures or toy weapons will not be accepted because they promote violence, he said.

For the senior citizens, suggested gifts include videos, board games, stationary, slippers and articles of clothing, such as sweaters and scarves.

The gifts for the recipients are supposed to be wrapped and labeled, but the ones that are not labeled have to be unwrapped. The reason for this is that the Student Union wants a fair and equal distribution of gifts, "so that one person does not get a deck of cards while another person gets a walkman," said France.

France said that after all the gifts are collected and organized, they will be delivered. Six students from John Carroll will travel to Florida in a fully loaded van during

Christmas break in order to deliver the gifts, France said.

This service trip will last one and a half weeks, and it is very

memorable and worthwhile simply because of the joyous expression on the faces of the kids that get these gifts, France said. He added that the recipients are all very excited, and they have huge smiles on their faces. Since these children live

well below the poverty line, these gifts may be the only ones they get this Christmas, which truly makes the Giving Tree special, he said.

On a Saturday in December, the gifts for the senior citizens of Metro Hospital and the children of Family Transitional Housing will be delivered, France said. Altogether, the event gives gifts to almost 90 children, he added.

France stated that not only was the Student Union involved in the Giving Tree project, but the sorority of Delta Delta Xi donated time to wrap gifts and make ornaments for the tree.

Sullivan said that anyone who is interested can participate in helping the less fortunate by donating a gift to the Giving Tree project.



Kate Morgan

Sophomore Kelly Spencer takes one of the last ornaments from the Giving Tree

Annual Carroll Eve is Saturday

Cherie Skoczen

News Editor

A Christmas reception will be held in the cafeteria this Saturday, Dec. 7, following the annual community Mass at Gesu Church. The Mass and reception will conclude John Carroll's 29th annual Christmas Carroll Evening.

Senior class vice president Lynn Rutledge said some students were concerned that the reception had been canceled.

"There was no mention of the breakfast on the invitation, so that's when the confusion started," Rutledge said. "People were getting upset that the breakfast had been canceled."

Lisa Heckman, director of student activities, said the breakfast cancellation was a misunderstanding. There will be a reception in

the cafeteria following the Mass, she said. "The reception after the Mass is everything we've ever had before, minus the scrambled eggs and ham," Heckman said. She added that coffee, cookies, Danishes, popcorn balls and other food will be served.

Rutledge said this year's breakfast seems to have been "cut down from last year. It's not the whole atmosphere it was," she said.

Heckman said the reception following the Mass is a community event, and everyone is welcome to attend.

"We're not going to do extensive decorating as we have in the past, but it certainly will be festive, as will the rest of the evening," she said.

Christmas Carroll Evening, which is being held a week earlier

than in recent years, will begin for on-campus students with a Christmas dinner at 4:30 p.m. in Schott Dining Hall. Off-campus students are welcome to attend the dinner, Heckman said. "If students who live off-campus want to attend, they are welcome, but they will have to pay the dinner charge," she said.

John Carroll University's concert choir and concert band will present an old-fashioned Christmas music extravaganza at 7 p.m. in Kulas Auditorium. The show

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Hanukkah starts tomorrow

Jennifer Tallisman

Photography Editor

Many Jews will be lighting the candles on their Menorahs for Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday that begins tomorrow, Dec. 6.

During the eight day Hanukkah holiday, Jews read from the Torah and say special prayers at the synagogue. But for many, the most important holiday ceremony is at home, where Jewish families light and bless the Hanukkah candles each night.

Josh Helman, a junior at John Carroll University who lives at home with his parents, celebrates the holiday by lighting the candles on the Menorah and eating his mother's homemade latkas (potato

tato pancakes, a traditional Hanukkah food).

"Everyone in my family says the special prayer for Hanukkah as we light the candles on the Menorah," said Helman.

The Hanukkah Menorah, called the Chanukiyah, should be lit at sunset when the stars appear, and is usually placed in front of a window so that people passing by can see the candles burning and tell what night of Hanukkah it is. One special candle, called the shamash, is lit on the first night in addition to the first candle because it is used to light the other candles.

"On the first night you can light one candle," Helman said. "But, by

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Doing a good deed



Beth Anke

About 40 John Carroll students joined, from left, John Jakes, Katie Schenck and Trish Barry when they delivered a week's worth of food, including Thanksgiving dinner, to 50 local families on Nov. 23. "Every family received an 18 pound turkey, two gallons of milk, margarine, bread, cereal and many other things," said Kate Robinson, co-chairperson of Operation FOCUS (Families of Cleveland United by Students). She said the student volunteer turnout was tremendous. "The people really appreciated our efforts."

Kozol comes to Carroll Author speaks to freshmen

Wendy Maxian

Staff Reporter

Jonathan Kozol, a nationally known author and activist, visited John Carroll on Friday, Nov. 22 to discuss inequalities in America and his book *Savage Inequalities*.

Kozol's speech was at noon in Kulas Auditorium, mainly for First Year Seminar students.

Instead of lecturing on his book, Kozol talked about several people he has met. His speech focused on children and families of Mount Haven, a neighborhood in New York City. He said he wanted to put a face on the people he talked about in *Savage Inequalities*.

One inequality Kozol mentioned was how much money New York City spends on children's education.

Kozol said New York City spends \$6,000 per year per child on education. However, he said it costs \$60,000 to keep one person in Rikers, a prison in New York City, for one year. "\$6,000 to educate; \$60,000 to punish," he said.

At the conclusion of his speech Kozol said, "The nation won't act on [these] savage inequalities unless we recognize what resources we're losing."

He then ate lunch with faculty and students of the First Year Seminar. Among them was freshman Courtney Kaezyk. She was chosen to attend after she replied to her professor's invitation.

"The conversation with Kozol was very casual and comfortable," Kaezyk said. "[He] was a very interesting man, very intelligent."

Kaezyk said she enjoyed meeting Kozol and that "he has been to so many places, met so many people and done so many things. It's amazing."

At 3:30 p.m., a question and answer session was held in the Jardine Room.

One person asked Kozol what could be done to remedy the in-

equalities in the United States.

Kozol replied, "the main lever of change in the years ahead will have to come from outside of the political mainstream. [Legislators] are not going to be able to change anything unless they feel the stirring from the grassroots."

One fault American society has, according to Kozol, is a lack of justice.

"You can't build a good society on miracles. It has to be built on systematic justice. We don't have systematic justice in this country," he said.

Kozol began to conclude the session by saying "justice would make charity unnecessary."

Kozol's visit was sponsored by the First Year Seminar and the Program in Applied Ethics.

Kozol's normal speaking fee is \$12,000, but, he came to campus for "considerably less than that," said Brenda Wirkus, director of the Program in Applied Ethics.

Kozol has been a writer and activist for nearly 30 years, according to Wirkus. He is primarily concerned with the plight of the poor and uneducated.

He is a "spokesman for disenfranchised people" and those who are "left out of the American dream," Wirkus said.

Kozol started in the Boston Public School system teaching fourth grade, according to Wirkus. He taught there and in a suburb of Boston for five or six years before opening a storefront learning center in a depressed area of Boston. He began to write there. He published his first book, *Death at an Early Age*, in 1967.

Kozol has been a visiting lecturer at Yale and numerous other colleges.

He is also the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship, a Field Foundation Fellowship and many other awards, according to Wirkus.

Admissions office restructures

Tom O'Konowitz

Assistant News Editor

University Provost Frederick Travis approved restructuring of the admissions office earlier this week, adding a second director to the department.

Effective Monday, Laryn Runco became director of enrollment operations, responsible for all marketing and processing duties in the office. Tom Fanning was promoted to Runco's former title of director of admissions. He is now responsible for recruitment and admission of prospective first-time freshmen, according to a memorandum from John Gladstone, dean of admissions and financial aid.

Runco was formerly responsible for the duties of both positions. She said that the decision was approved from a proposal she submitted six weeks ago. "My position was too much for one person to do, so it really is a good thing," Runco said. "Now I'm going to apply to graduate school and do a lot of good things for me and the school."

Runco said that she hopes to spend her time developing new publications and unifying the image of materials.

She said she would like to create some new publications highlighting younger alumni. She said that the university has only been co-educational for 25 years, and many of the highlighted alumni are male. "We're going to step

down and show men and women in varying positions," Runco said.

She said she would like to profile younger alumni that are doing unusual and out-of-the-ordinary things that are learned at liberal arts schools like John Carroll, not vocational schools.

She said she also hopes to develop a piece tying the university to the city of Cleveland, create more campus visitation and summer programs and develop more personal recruiting.

"Things are still evolving, but we'd like to get the respect level up," she said. "So people give us the respect we deserve."

Gladstone said, "Fr. Shea has helped us to create a new committee to review the admissions process in order to inch upwards in quality of incoming classes and widen the reach [of recruitment] to become less regional and more national." He said the focus will be in great part to the east, including Washington D.C., Philadelphia, New York and Virginia.

He said the goal is to draw more students from the Great Lakes region, while about 60 percent now come from Ohio. He anticipates the university remaining the same size, but moving into the next tier. Within three years, he would like the amount of applicants to increase to 3,000, from the current average of 2,300.

"A primary catalyst behind this restructuring is the university's plan to widen the lens of our re-

cruiting and admissions camera," Gladstone wrote in the memo. "Our goal is to expand the reach and number of our applicant candidates, especially those beyond our traditional territories, while continuing to nurture the quality of our full-time student numbers."

Gladstone said that although the university has reached its enrollment goals in recent years, he would like to see more increases in that area, minority enrollment and geographical draw. "This gives us a chance to do things we've always done well even better," he said.

"This restructuring reflects an expansion in depth and breadth of responsibilities formerly given to Laryn alone," Gladstone wrote. "Laryn will now be responsible for all marketing and processing duties... including all printed and video materials, web page development, marketing surveys and questionnaires, transcript recalculation, etc."

Runco said that she is already feeling incredibly less pressure. "I feel like I have a manageable job again," she said.

"This restructuring is a clear affirmation of the level of work Laryn and Tom have achieved in their respective areas," Gladstone wrote. "Major credit for the admissions office's success belongs to both Laryn and Tom."

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the eighth night all the lights are aglow with the spirit of the holiday."

According to Helman, there are certain misconceptions about Hanukkah. One of them is the idea that all people get eight gifts; however, he said this isn't always true. He added that as he grows older, the gifts are secondary, and the tradition is primary.

"The tradition is something that I grew up with," he said. "It is as much a part of my cultural experience as Christmas is to [Christians]."

Chad Fine, a senior, looks forward to spending Hanukkah with his family and friends every year. "It's a time to be able to enjoy traditions and eat good food," he said. The holiday also has a rich history that Fine said is important to think about.

"The story of Hanukkah is about the Jews resistance against being conquered," he said. "It shows that everyone should stand up for what they believe in and never give up or give in," said Fine.

Sally Wertheim, dean of the graduate school at JCU, said the story of Hanukkah has a lesson to teach. "If you keep at something that you really believe in, special things - like a miracle - can happen," she said.

According to Wertheim, Hanukkah is not a major religious holiday. "It's really not that critical of a holiday. It more like a joyous festival," she said.

For those who want to celebrate this holiday, the Cleveland Hillel Foundation provides a candle lighting each night of Hanukkah at 6 p.m. at 11291 Euclid Avenue.

"We live in a society where everything is Christmas. By celebrating Hanukkah you are making a distinction," said Shelby Ronkin, foundation director. "You are doing something for your religion and culture, and that is a very meaningful act."

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choir will also perform at this time.

"We will be performing an upbeat medley of Christmas favorites, and also we'll perform a more traditional medley of Christmas songs," said junior Ann Hricko, a show choir member. She added that the stage will be decorated with a fireplace, a Christmas tree, and other holiday decorations.

A reception, at which cookies and hot chocolate will be served, will be held in the Atrium following the concert.

The reception is a new addition to Christmas Carroll Eve this year, Heckman said.

The annual Christmas address and tree lighting ceremony will take place on the Rodman Terrace at 9 p.m., and caroling around the Quad will begin at 9:15 p.m.

At 10:30 p.m., a community Mass will be celebrated by Rev. John J. Shea, S.J., and the Jesuit community at Gesu Church. The reception will follow the Mass in the cafeteria.

"I would certainly encourage everyone to attend because we've worked hard to make it memorable for the whole community," Heckman said.

Rutledge said Christmas Carroll Eve is a special night for students. "It's tradition," she said. "It's something everyone looks forward to."



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Mergers derail locomotive industry

Shane Subler
Staff Reporter

Two of the dominant rail companies of the nation, CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp., are currently locked in a battle over which one will purchase Conrail Corp. The winning company will gain substantial market power over Eastern U.S. shipping rates, meaning that consumers may feel the effects of the results of this battle in the future.

Last month, CSX offered a friendly merger proposal to Conrail shareholders. Norfolk Southern, fearing that it would lose a tremendous opportunity to dominate eastern shipping, countered with a hostile offer to purchase Conrail. Currently, CSX's friendly bid for Conrail stands at \$8.7 billion in cash and stock, while Norfolk Southern's offer stands at \$10 billion in cash. Ultimately, stockholders will approve one of the offers. The offers must then be approved by Federal Regulators.

The merger continues an alarming trend toward consolidation in the railroad industry. Only 16 years ago, there were 42 major rail carriers. Today, the industry is dominated by 5 major carriers. Last year, two major combinations among western carriers occurred: Union Pacific Corp.'s takeover of Southern Pacific, and later, Burlington Northern's merger with Santa Fe Co.

With this continuing trend,

opposition is mounting to any further consolidation, especially the situation currently unfolding. Groups like the National Industrial Transport League, the nation's largest organization of shippers, fear that a Conrail merger would create a monopoly over many companies which ship their products by rail. With this type of market power, the newly merged company could easily raise its rates. The only alternative to shipping goods by rail is trucking, which is even more expensive. In the end, many businesses would be faced with higher costs if the newly merged company decides to flex its muscle of power over the eastern market.

What is another consequence of these mergers? Rail mergers his-

Nearly 750 towns lost rail service in 1995. In many of these towns, the economic results of losing a major rail line are disastrous.

Take Jamestown, New York, for example. More than 20 trains a day used to roll through the city, providing local manufacturers with needed resources for production, as well as an efficient means of shipping their finished products. Local manufacturing flourished in this town of 34,000. Following a merger 20 years ago, rail service to the community has slowly declined. Now, only three Conrail trains a day roll through town. Around 20% of Jamestown's industrial workers have lost their jobs in the past 15 years. The downturn has spread to the rest of the town: one-third of downtown stores in Jamestown are now vacant. Industries which have survived in Jamestown have shifted to more ex-

pensive truck transport.

What does all of this mean for the average consumer? Transportation costs make up nearly 25% of a manufacturers' cost. When transportation costs rise, prices on everything from jeans to jet fuel rise. The repercussions of these higher prices will spread through the entire economy. Consumers will be forced to absorb these increased costs and their consequences in the future.

The merger continues an alarming trend toward consolidation in the railroad industry.

torically have led to companies abandoning redundant routes. In just the past 5 years, total track mileage in the United States has dropped by nearly 10%. Many of these routes being dropped were the lifeblood of small communities. They provided local manufacturers with access to nationwide and international markets. When the rail lines leave, manufacturing and distribution facilities are forced to leave as well.

World b r i e f s

Security agency under suspicion of torture charges

Claims of torture on the part of national security agents continue to plague South Korea, despite the fact that this nation is now a civilian democracy under the leadership of President Kim Young Sam. Park Choong Ryol, a 33-year-old magazine business manager, was accused by the South Korean government last year of aiding the enemy state of North Korea. At that time, he was held by the National Security Planning Agency (NSPA) for 22 days, during which time he says he was beaten, kicked, and forced by security agents to stand for up to 23 hours holding a chair off the ground. The NSPA has now been stripped of its investigative duties, while it is being investigated.

Auto executive resigns amid espionage scandal

Friday, German automotive giant Volkswagen announced that it has accepted the resignation of its highly controversial purchasing chief, Jose Ignacio Lopez. The resignation signals the company's move toward settling one of the most celebrated claims of industrial espionage in decades. Lopez's departure may also be an indication that Volkswagen might be acknowledging General Motors' chances for a plausible case against them, seeing as Lopez left GM in 1993 and defected to Volkswagen. GM contends that Lopez, along with three other former GM executives, systematically stole boxes full of factory plans, price lists and other valuable documents, and gave them to their new employer.

Cutbacks, deaths plague Canadian health care

Launched 30 years ago, the Canadian national health care system that was once a source of pride for Canada has now become a national headache. Budget-cutting provincial governments are closing hospitals and laying off nurses. Reports of patients dying due to delayed or poor treatment are growing in number continuously. Many well-off Canadians are seeking private care, leaving the poor with the delays and faulty care.

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What CD is sitting in your CD player right now?: Bush's "Razorblade Suitcase."
What is the best advice your father ever gave you?: If you take care of people, they will take care of you.
If you could appear on any talk show, which would you choose?: The Late Show With David Letterman, to smack around Paul Schaffer.
What is the last good movie you saw?: Sleepers. It had a good plot and good actors.
Do you think professional athletes are paid too much money?: Absolutely. No one deserves to make \$10 million a year, no matter what they do.
Favorite meal: Jay's Hot Dogs.

Information compiled by Anna Di Franco, photo by Jennifer Tallisman.

Two of a kind: JCU twins reveal sibling tales

The ups and downs of being one of a pair

Sara E. Buss
 Staff Reporter

Identical twins Lynn and Pam Roessner used to switch places in school when they were younger.

Now, according to Lynn, they could not get away with it because they do not look exactly alike. However, Lynn and Pam can still be found in some of the same classes. Lynn, an English major, and Pam, a political science and English major, said that they are able to save money by attending the same school and sharing expenses, an apartment and even text books.

Sharing all of these things could lead to conflict, but both agree that their living arrangements have worked out well. "I don't have a roommate problem," said Lynn. According to Pam, the twins have been close their whole lives. Since they have always lived together, rooming in college did not put a strain on their relationship.

As far as competition is concerned, Lynn admitted that it exists but is friendly in nature. Competing helps them to do the best they are capable of, said Lynn. "It all evens out and we are pretty much equal," agreed Pam.

Although Pam and Lynn, juniors, are glad that they ended up together at John Carroll University, they are probably going their separate ways after graduation. According

to Lynn, they are looking at different graduate schools.

Unlike the Roessners, sophomores Jean and Justine Spinosi, identical twins, did not plan on attending the same university. According to Jean, Justine at first planned on going to St. Mary's College. Jean, on the other hand, always thought she would attend Carroll. "It just turned out that we are both here," said Jean.

Both sisters agreed that the transition from high school to college was easier together because, Justine said, "There is always someone I can always trust."

Although the Spinosis

did not share a room at home, they live together on campus and both agree that it works out well. Jean said, "[Justine] understands me better than anyone."

People at Carroll will occasionally confuse them, according to Justine. She said that these mix-ups did not happen as much in high school because everyone knew who they were. At JCU the problem is compounded because Justine, a biology major and Jean, a marketing major, are not in the same classes. However, Justine said, "We don't purposely try to confuse people."

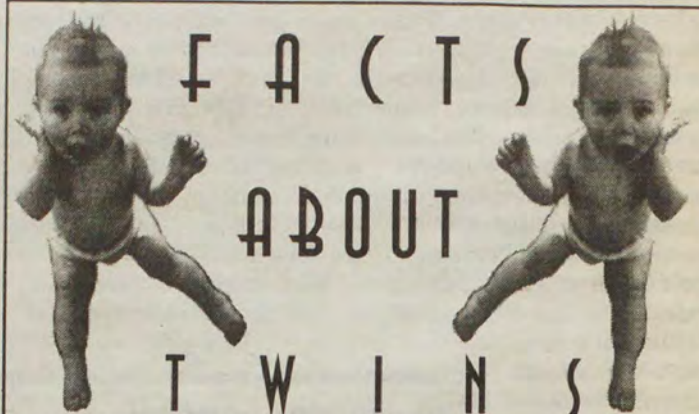
Both Jean and Justine said that being identified as a twin does not bother them. "It's been like this from day one," said Justine. Because they do not share the same academic interests, Jean said that there is not as great a level of competition between them as there often is between twins. "We support each other, and since we have different majors she supports my interests and I support hers," said Jean.

Erin Herlihy, unlike the Roessners and the Spinosis, decided to attend a different school than her fraternal twin, Kaitlin. "I applied to schools and she did. If we ended up at the same school, that was fine. If we didn't, we would deal with it."

In high school, Herlihy said that she and her sister were known as "the Herlihy twins," but she added that this did not bother them. "It's a fact of life," said Herlihy. "She's my

best friend." She added that she was never identified as a single person until she came to Carroll. Therefore, it was a different feeling when people here did not automatically realize she was a twin.

Despite their separation, Erin and Kaitlin have similar interests and in high school



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- Studies show fraternal twins run in families
- One third of all twins are identical
- Alanis Morissette has a twin brother
- Scott & Mark Kelley are the first twins chosen for the NASA Space Program
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Twinsburg, Ohio

In 1819 Moses and Aaron Wilcox, identical twins, bought 4,000 acres where Twinsburg was to be established. They married sisters, had the same number of children, contracted the same fatal illness and died within hours of each other.

The first full weekend in August, the largest annual gathering of twins in the world go to a convention in this town each year. Activities surround the twin world of similarities and social activities.

they had the same friends. "We have grown up together and so we have many similar beliefs," said Herlihy.

Herlihy said that both she and her sister are English majors but they have different career plans. Currently, Kaitlin plans on being an English professor and Erin is toying with an interest in politics.

Herlihy, a sophomore, thought that being away from her sister, who attends Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., would be harder. Yet she realized that, "Through [being apart] I think we have realized how independent we really are."

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Students produce for cable

Kimberley Dunnings

Staff Reporter

Students were excited and pumped about a project recently offered to them by Cablevision.

They had the opportunity to write and produce their own television show as a new experience. "I got involved with the project because I thought it would look good on my resume," said junior Dana Weidaw.

Unfortunately, after completing the project Weidaw did not feel that it was worth putting on her resume because she did not really learn anything.

On Election Day, Cablevision, in conjunction with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, offered customers instant election returns and analysis. But before the returns and analysis, Cablevision aired a feature about the electoral process and campaign politics that was written and produced by students from John Carroll University.

Each student was given a two minute segment to produce on the topic of his or her choice. Weidaw, who chose to do voter registration in Ohio, discovered the project to be boring after she began.

Senior Andrea Tracy also had a disappointing experience with the project. Tracy commented, "We all went into it blind. They assumed we knew how to write and produce a show."

Unlike Tracy and Weidaw, senior Kevin Bachman enjoyed doing the project. Bachman felt as though he had a lot of freedom with the project. Bachman, who plans to build a career in broadcasting, wrote the script for his project which included interviews with professors and people who have been in charge of campaigns.

Although he had a good experience, Bachman stated, "Some people got the shaft, with what they could do and what they couldn't."

Cablevision did not respond for comment.

You are invited to the 29th annual
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SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 1996



- 7:00 PM AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA. Featuring the JCU Concert Choir & Concert Band-Kulas Auditorium.
- 8:30 PM HOLIDAY RECEPTION IN THE ATRIUM
- 9:00 PM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ADDRESS AND TREE LIGHTING. Rodman Terrace
- 9:15 PM CARROLLING AROUND THE QUAD
- 10:30 PM COMMUNITY MASS AT GESU
Celebrated with Fr. John Shea and the Jesuit Community
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Coming Attractions

Theater

Cleveland Signstage Theatre will present its first-ever holiday production, Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, today through December 29 in the Brooks Theatre of the Cleveland Play House. Thomas' story is presented through narrative, song and poetry to help you relive that perfect holiday that each of us carries in our memory. The production will be presented simultaneously in American Sign Language and spoken English featuring a combined cast of hearing and deaf actors. Performances will be each Thursday through Saturday evening at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. until the final show Sunday, Dec. 29. Tickets for students are \$10 and are available through the Cleveland Playhouse Box Office at 8500 Euclid Avenue or by calling 795-7000.



Film

Universal Pictures' fully-restored version of Alfred Hitchcock's 1958 classic *Vertigo*, starring James Stewart, Kim Novak and Barbara Bel Geddes, will open in Cleveland tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 6 exclusively at Landmark's Centrum Theatre. Robert A. Harris and James C. Katz, the same team behind the restoration of *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Spartacus* and *My Fair Lady*, have spent more than two years rescuing the badly deteriorated original *Vertigo* narrative. The 1958 production about obsession and a dreamlike portrait of mistaken identity is considered by many to be one of Hitchcock's greatest achievements. Tickets are \$4.50 for the matinee and \$6.75 for evening shows. Call 932-5956 for show times.



Orchestra

Apollo's Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, will present its fourth annual performances of Handel's *Messiah* tomorrow at 8 p.m. and again Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church located at 2747 Fairmount Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. Director Jeannette Sorrell and her musicians use lively rhythms and heightened drama to bring *Messiah* to life as the dramatic oratorio Handel intended it to be. Soloists this year include mezzo-soprano Judith Malafonte, widely considered the greatest mezzo in North America to have turned her talents to early music. Last year's performances received standing ovations from packed houses. The performance in Pittsburgh was named one of the "10 Best Concerts of the Year" by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Tickets are \$20 for deluxe seating (front section), \$15 for general seating and \$7 for students and can be purchased by phone at 932-2010.

Coming Attractions were compiled by Sam Subity, Entertainment Editor. Dates and times are subject to change.

culture shock

(Away from) home for the holidays

Andrew Schlegelmilch
Foreign Correspondent

By this time, the holiday season should be very much upon John Carroll. Through extensive research, I'm now able to present a report on the holiday festivities in Japan. It seems my roommate here at Tokyo's Sophia University is a wealth of information on all things Japanese, including holidays.

First I'll backtrack a little the beginning of the holidays: Halloween. Traditionally, Halloween is not celebrated by the Japanese. Recently, though, it has been growing in popularity because it is so much a part of the western world and is a very noisy holiday. Also, many foreigners in Japan take pride in dressing up like idiots. Because any culture would obviously find this appealing, the Japanese are slowly following "suit." Halloween, still, may never be as big here as it is in the United States.

On November 23, the Japa-

nese had Labor Thanksgiving Day. American Thanksgiving is not recognized at all for apparent reasons (namely, the Pilgrims decided they were satisfied with America and didn't continue around the globe.) However, I hear that the American Embassy had a soup line that day.

Just the opposite is true of Christmas. Christmas, "X-mas" to the Japanese, is a big time for parties and get-togethers. Early this month my dorm will host the annual kuripa, or Christmas party. This is a three-day event that puts Christmas Carroll Eve to shame. A few months ago, a planning committee began reviewing extensive notes from parties in years past.

The Japanese like to relax, drink a few beers and watch a little Sumo just like the rest of us. Their Ocean Day and Sports Day are celebrated by taking a day off work and, as the names suggest, going to the ocean or park. If they have a particular holiday, they take it seriously. If it is Sports Day,

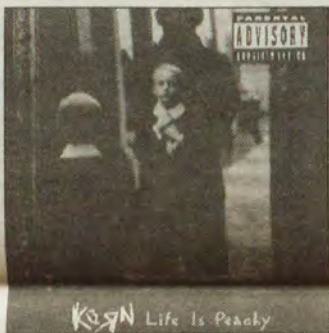
then they play sports. This would be the equivalent to Americans actually celebrating the birth of Christ on Christmas.

Japan also celebrates the New Year on January 1. The western calendar was just recently adopted here, so I am assuming that this day is not yet a time-honored tradition. However, there are a few traditional events for the day. The day is called "Ganton," or New Year's Day. Traditional food, a simple bread, is shared along with a drink called "otoso" in the living room where the family gathers.

In Japanese, the word for holiday is "yasumi." Yasumi is a very important word in the language because it's human to need a break and some rest. The Japanese do take vacations, they travel and they go to the park to play ball with their kids. If you would like to know what a typical Japanese person does on a day off, just think what you might do. I think you would be surprised by how similar we are.

The Spinning Edge

THE WORD ON NEW RELEASES IN THE WORLD OF MUSIC



Korn
Life Is Peachy
(Epic/Immortal)



Korn's second release, *Life Is Peachy*, is better than their self-titled debut but still isn't quite enough to prove that they are any better or even as good as today's other hardcore bands.

Korn have a somewhat diverse style. They most easily fall into the category of hardcore, having similarities to such bands as Or-

ange 9MM and even White Zombie. They are hard enough to be considered metal, even some sort of hip-hop/hardcore rap metal.

What sets them apart from other bands in their genre, although not as successfully as they might hope, are the vocals of Jonathan Davis. His style consists mainly of snarling and growling, but occasionally he tries to create a melody. This isn't necessarily a bad thing if you like that kind of music. But it gets annoying after awhile. Davis "sings" with emotion and intensity, but he needs to realize that trying to sound like a maniac isn't the only way to sound aggressive.

There is one major problem with Korn's latest disc, at least in this reviewer's eyes. They can't find a middle ground. Some of their songs are very good, with smart lyrics, energized vocals and a driving yet not distracting sound. But these songs are usually followed by something totally devoid of any musical substance and imagination.

The highlights on the disc demonstrate that when Korn are good, they are very good. The best tracks are "No Place To Hide," "Lost" and "A.D.I.D.A.S." And just for kicks play the first track, "Twist," very loud. It's less than a minute long, but it will easily scare people right out of the room.

Korn have to be given credit for bringing a new twist to the traditional hardcore/metal scene of today. But they need more than just a few good songs mixed in with some really bad ones. Give them time to get a better focus and in a few years they could be the best hard rock band around. But it hasn't happened yet.

—Brian Sparks

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Good acting helps new Star Trek film make *Contact*

Alison Anthony
Staff Reporter

Okay, right off I'm going to own up to the fact that I am not, nor have I ever been, a "trekkie." In fact, the only other Star Trek film I've

seen was *The Voyage Home* in the mid-'80s. I think this qualifies me to take in the first Trek feature film with none of the original cast members and give a completely unbiased opinion. Thanks to won-

derful acting and a diverting plot, the movie scores as good, popcorn-eating fun. First-time feature film director Jonathan Frakes (who plays Commander William Riker) orchestrates the cast of this second motion picture based on the Emmy-winning "Star Trek: The Next Generation." William Shatner also makes a contribution. No one has ever claimed that he was Oscar-worthy (anyone besides me remember T.J. Hooker?), so having trained Patrick Stewart at the helm of the newly commis-

sioned Enterprise E is a real treat. Move over Sean Connery, Stewart shows he is truly the sexiest bald man in Hollywood as Captain Jean-Luc Picard in this film. He is allowed to flex his acting muscles, both literally and figuratively, fighting and dancing his way to fend off the evil Borg.

The Borg, by the way, are part-human, part-machine creatures who devour other races and cultures and assimilate them into the one collective consciousness of their group. A word to describe them: cybercool. With their catchphrase and battle cry, "Resistance is futile," this is one creepy group both to look at and with the crew of the Enterprise to do battle.

While on a routine patrol, Capt. Picard gets word from Starfleet Headquarters that the Borg have entered Federation Space and are on a direct course for earth. Picard bears a grudge against these slick aliens, having been assimilated but saved by his crew on an

episode of the "Next Generation" television series. The crew must intervene when the Borg use the space-time continuum to travel back in time to take over the earth before a scientist named Zefram Cochrane (James Cromwell) makes the first contact with others in space, which is the history of the entire Trek series. Nominated for an Academy Award for his supporting part in *Babe*, Cromwell is excellent in a role contrasting the Cochrane the crew know mostly from history books from their future standpoint with the man that existed before he made first contact. His companion, an unsuspecting Lily Sloane (Alfre Woodard), ends up in the middle of the battle and develops a sweet relationship with Picard.

The ship and crew members have an updated look and style which gives a fresh appeal to an older series. There is a good amount of humor and wit sprinkled throughout the film as well as plenty of well-acted scenes to cheer about. The Borg are a fascinating enemy with many parallels to the huge conglomeration of business and ideas (think political correctness) in the States these days.



Elliott Marks/Paramount Pictures

Bald is beautiful: Patrick Stewart as Captain Picard stalks the Borg.

The best part? Even Data (Brent Spiner), the android who longs to be human, has a love interest. When he is kidnapped by the Borg, his assimilation is overseen by the Queen (Alice Krige) herself who has more than a passing interest in him, if you know what I mean.

If the acting and screenwriting can stay on this level, the crew of the Enterprise might be around for another 30 years or more. As the captain says at the end: "Make it so."



Elliott Marks/Paramount Pictures

Making Contact: The crew try to explain the urgency of their mission to a skeptical Zefram Cochrane (James Cromwell).

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Men's Basketball streaks to a 4-0 start

Carroll scores two tournament victories, begins OAC play this week

Brian Murphy
Sports Reporter

The John Carroll University men's basketball team has raced out of the starting blocks this season, winning its first four games and capturing two tournament titles. In the process, the team may have answered some questions it faced entering the season.

The Streaks opened the 1996-97 campaign with a pair of victories at the Coles Buffalo State Classic. John Carroll faced a staunch test in the opening round as they took on host Buffalo St., who last year advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the Division III National Championship and this year returned four starters from that squad. But behind 18 points from senior guard Joey Bigler, the Streaks defeated the Bengals, 71-65, to advance to the championship game.

In the championship game the following afternoon, the Streaks beat Daemen College, 75-63. Again, Bigler led the John Carroll

scoring attack, netting 20 points in the victory. For his efforts over the two games, Bigler was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. In addition to his two-game total of 38 points, Bigler added seven assists and five steals.

The defending Division III three-point percentage leader also picked up that phase of his game right where he left off last year as he connected on 7 of his 12 three-point attempts.

Along with Bigler, senior point guard David Pfundstein and junior forward Mark Heidorf were also named to the all-tournament team. Pfundstein scored 17 points while dishing out 11 assists and Heidorf,

coming off the bench, had 24 points and 16 rebounds.

"There were a lot of questions going into Buffalo St. because J.J. [Richardson] was out," Pfundstein said. "We're high on experience but we don't get much respect because we're a small team. But we

streaked to the occasion and blasted the Titans, 80-68. As in Buffalo, JCU faced a stern opening round task as they took on Westminster College, who entered the game with a record of 4-0 having captured a pair of tournament titles themselves. But the Streaks rose to the occasion and

Bigler again led the Blue Streaks in scoring with a career-high of 24 points. Junior Ryan Eskridge, filling in for the injured Richardson, and Pfundstein contributed 12 points apiece and Heidorf added 10. Senior forward John Samol had eight points and nine boards.

In the championship contest JCU, on the strength of Eskridge's 20 points and a scorching second-half shooting display, romped over Allegheny, 89-58. Along with Eskridge, four other Streaks posted double-figures as Bigler (eight assists), Pfundstein, Samol and sophomore Dan Coxon all netted 10 points.

John Carroll shot 61 percent from the field for the game, including 67 percent in the second half as they outscored Allegheny, 52-27. The Streaks were also lethal from beyond the three-point arc as they converted 8 of 16 attempts for the game, including 6 of 8 in the second half.

Pfundstein garnered tournament MVP honors by totaling 22 points, 12 assists and 6 steals in the two contests. Joining him on the all-tournament team was Samol who racked up eight points and four rebounds in the championship game to go along with eight points and nine rebounds in his opening round effort.

Coach Mike Moran described the victory over Westminster as "phenomenal." He added, "Any time you beat a scholarship school, it's a feather in your cap."

One of the question marks the season was how to deal with the loss of Richardson, last year's leading scorer at 19.5 ppg, for several weeks with a knee injury.

Eskridge, though, has filled in superbly for Richardson. In the Buffalo St. tournament he compiled 15 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals. He also scored 12 points against Westminster to go along with the 20 he netted against Allegheny.

"I definitely felt some pressure, but not to score 20 like J.J.," Eskridge said of replacing Richardson. "I'm not the scorer he is and I know that. I have to do some other things like getting Joey [Bigler] the ball or rebounding."

The other challenge for the Streaks was replacing center Jeff Sesplankis, last year's second-leading scorer and top rebounder, whom the team lost to graduation.

Thankfully, the trio of junior Artie Taylor, Samol and Heidorf has picked up the slack left by Sesplankis' departure. Taylor finished the Buffalo St. weekend with 27 points and 15 rebounds. He followed that effort up with another strong showing last weekend scoring 16 points and pulling down 11 boards.

John Carroll, preseason favorite to finish atop the OAC, opened its conference schedule last night with Hiram at the Shula Sports Center. The Streaks travel to Westerville Saturday night to battle Otterbein and return home Wednesday night to take on Marietta.

Otterbein leads the all-time series with JCU, 10-7, but the Streaks swept the two games last season, including a 68-62 win in Westerville.

"We kept hearing how good Westminster was," Bigler said. "But we proved we're a pretty good team, too. And they're not in the OAC. If I ranked Division III conferences, I'd rank the OAC as the toughest. The tournaments were a great tune-up for the OAC which is just as tough, if not tougher."

JCU hoop fans can tune in to WUJC 88.7 FM for coverage of Saturday's matchup with Otterbein and Wednesday's game with Marietta. Coverage also is planned for the remaining games on the men's schedule.

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David Pfundstein

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This past weekend the Streaks traveled to Meadville, Pennsylvania, for the PNC Bank Gator Clas-

Streaks of the Week



David Pfundstein

Senior, Basketball

Pfundstein was selected as the OAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week. In being named MVP of the Allegheny Classic last weekend, he scored 22 points and dished out 12 assists. In 54 minutes of playing time, Pfundstein committed just four turnovers.



Deana Bahhur

Senior, Basketball

Bahhur was named to the All-Tournament team last week at the Rochester Invitational. She grabbed seven rebounds in a 95-53 win over Union College. She also led JCU with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting in a 75-56 loss to Kenyon. Bahhur leads the team with 20 rebounds this season.



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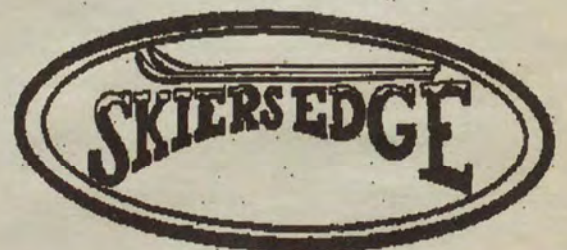
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Women's B-Ball starts 2-1

Matt Rayl

Sports Reporter

The John Carroll women's basketball team recently began the 1996-97 season with victories in its first two games against Ohio Wesleyan and Union College (N.Y.).

With two freshmen in the starting lineup, the Blue Streaks won a hard-fought game November 22 against Ohio Wesleyan, 69-61. Trailing at halftime, 38-35, the Streaks stepped up the defense. Wesleyan shot only 20.6 percent from the field as a result of JCU's stifling pressure.

John Carroll switched from a pressing man-to-man defense to more of a zone defense in the second half, a move that slowed down the tempo of the game.

Down ten points, a 20-2 run by the Streaks changed the entire face of the game, giving JCU the lead for good.

Coach Carol Dugan felt that maybe by pressing and trying to create turnovers, the game was being played at too fast a pace.

"I think switching from man to zone worked to our advantage," Dugan said. "[Ohio Wesleyan is] not a very good shooting team from the perimeter, and we exploited that weakness."

Senior center Deana Bahhur led the team in scoring and rebounding with 21 points and nine boards. Two others finished in double figures in scoring. Freshman Vikki

Willson netted 17 points while bringing down seven rebounds, and junior Christine Marrapese added 10 points. Against Wesleyan, Willson and fellow freshman Jackie Tadych made their first collegiate starts.

The Blue Streaks traveled to Rochester, New York, over Thanksgiving weekend to compete in the four-team Chuck Resler Invitational Tournament. John Carroll set two tournament records Saturday by destroying Union College 95-53 and hitting on 42 of 95 field goal attempts. The previous records were 93 points set by UCSD in 1993 and 38 field goals by Rochester in 1987.

Willson led the team in scoring with 14 points in only 16 minutes of action, while four other players also hit double figures in scoring. Bahhur and sophomore forward Erin Biehle each grabbed seven rebounds in the 42-point victory.

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The Streaks may have used up their scoring the Saturday night, however, as they lost to Kenyon College, 75-56, in the tournament championship Sunday. JCU could not overcome poor shooting, which continues to be a disturbing trend in the young season.

Carroll shot only 45.8 percent from the field and 47.4 percent from the free-throw line. After three games, the Streaks have connected on just under 45 percent of their field goals and only 52 percent of their free throw attempts.

"We came out flat in the second game," Dugan said. "We weren't as aggressive as we were the night before and really never got into a good flow."

Continuing her consistent play, Bahhur led the Blue Streaks in scoring again with 17 points. For her efforts last weekend, she was named Most Valuable Player

for the Rochester Tournament. She is the team's leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 16 ppg and 6.7 rpg. According to Dugan, Bahhur's confidence and athletic ability have been a big part of the team's success so far.

John Carroll hopes to continue its winning ways this week as it begins conference play in the OAC.

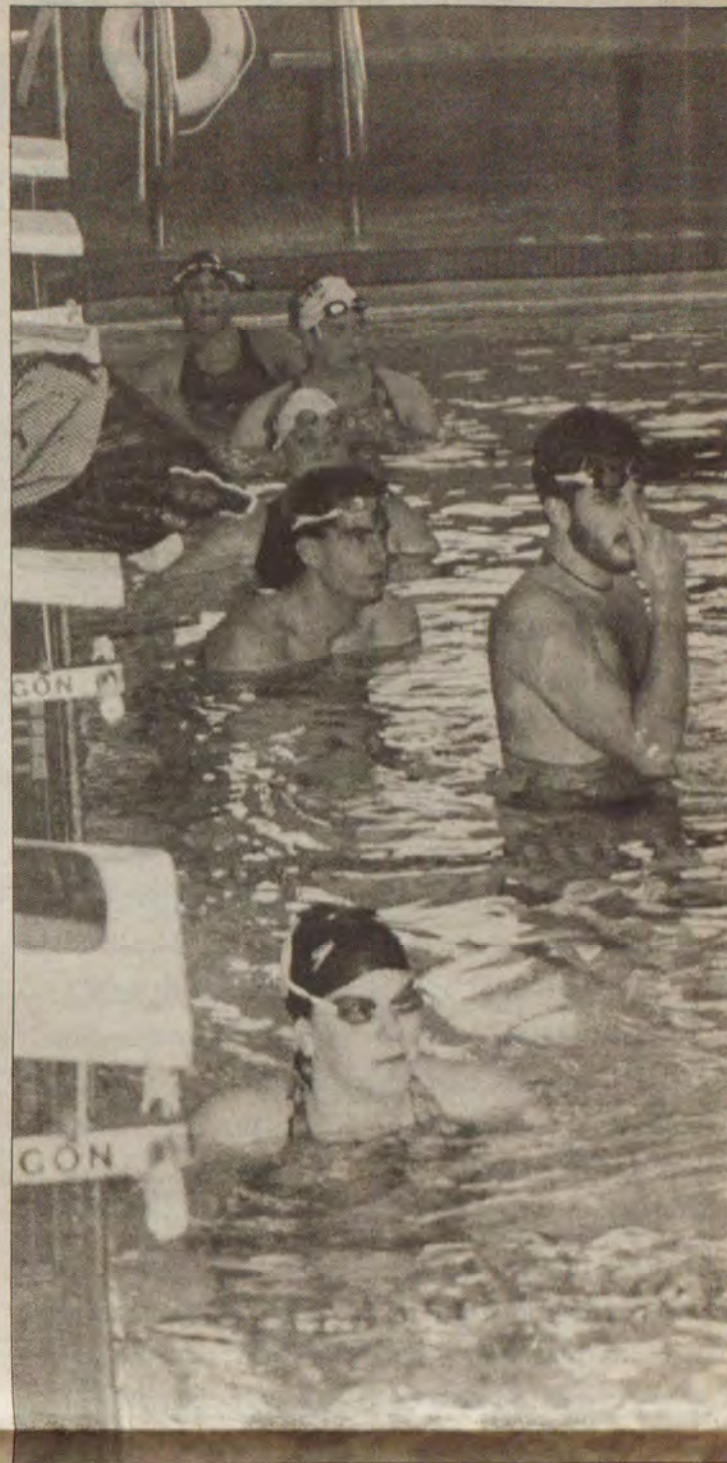
The Blue Streaks had their first OAC contest on Tuesday at Hiram. They follow up that game with their first home contest of the season Saturday afternoon against the Marietta Pioneers in the Don Shula Sports Center at 3 p.m. The Streaks need to improve upon last year's 6-5 home record in order to move up in the conference standings.

"The girls played great basketball on Saturday. We had a lot of intensity and enthusiasm. Our defense really fed off our offense."

Carol Dugan

For the most part, the scoring was evenly spread out among a number of players as Dugan used virtually her entire bench. Willson and Bahhur were both named to the all-tournament team for their efforts.

"The girls played great basketball on Saturday," said Dugan. "We had a lot of intensity and enthusi-



Members of the JCU men's and women's swim teams take a breather during a recent practice. Both squads will be in action Saturday at the DePauw Invitational.

Wrestling pins CSU

Mark Boleky

Sports Reporter

Division III wrestling is competitive enough without having to worry about Division I opponents.

Last Tuesday night, however, the John Carroll wrestling team, traditionally strong in the Division III field both regionally and nationally, faced this situation. JCU responded surprisingly well, though, defeating Cleveland State University, 24-13, for only the third time in school history.

"I remember wrestling against Cleveland State when I was [at John Carroll]," said coach Kerry Volkmann. "This is a traditional rivalry that we're hoping to turn around."

Although the Vikings still hold a 22-3-1 series edge, the Streaks have won two of the last three meetings between the schools. Especially satisfying for JCU was the fact that the win came over a school that has at least 10 scholarship wrestlers on its roster.

"[Beating Cleveland State] shows we can play with anybody," said senior Jason Kessen. "It was a big win for us and totally a collective win."

Kessen contributed to the group effort, in which six of the seven JCU victories came by decision, by defeating James Tietema, 13-7, in the 158-pound class.

The Streaks set the tone of the contest early by building an 11-0 lead with decisions by freshman

Mike Scripps (118 pounds), sophomore Brandon Steinmetz (134 pounds) and a five-point technical fall by senior Matt Colucci at 126 pounds.

"We needed to win in the lower weights," said Volkmann, "mainly because we knew their more experienced kids were more toward the middle weights."

Senior heavyweight Jimmie Lake finished the night strong for the Streaks, scoring a major decision over Tony Kerschner by a 15-6 count. Lake also put the final touches on the 41-6 blowout of Case Western Reserve University on November 20 with an early pin at 2:59 of the first period.

Freshman John Dunstan started the dominating victory over CWRU with a pin in the 118-pound division, followed by Colucci's first match in over a year. The 1994 All-American then recorded the quickest pin of the evening over Jason Meyer at 1:29 of the first period.

"Sometimes it's hard to stay focused when you're up by so much," said sophomore Jim Ayers, who scored a 26-9 technical fall at 177 pounds. "Going into [the Case Western match], some of us had butterflies but having a good crowd helped."

JCU will next be in action Saturday at the RIT Invitational in Rochester, New York. The Streaks have never won the event, but have earned runner-up honors twice in school history.

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•Views/Editorial

What have you done for us lately??

The State of the Union Address. An opportunity for the SU Executive President to assess the progress that the Union has made and verbalize an agenda for the remainder of the administration.

Standing at the podium during the State of the Union dinner the week before Thanksgiving Break, SU President Doralice Tavalario praised the Union for their efforts in passing the Student Activities Budget Board, saying "if we do nothing else this year, I can say that [the year] has been a success."

But is success an executive who is satisfied just with a taste of accomplishment, or one who knows that their work is never done, and has a plan for further action.

There are many issues that all students are concerned with, i.e., increased tuition, parking and off-campus housing that need to be addressed. Please tell us that the 1996-1997 SU isn't closing up shop already.

Tell us that the executive board has its own agenda, and that it isn't just basking in the success of a program created, worked, and modified by its predecessor, John Cranley. Giving students power to oversee student activity funds is indeed a powerful improvement to the Union. But the Union should not rest on its laurels. Give us some indication that the executive board wants to do more with this administration, beyond resorting to the SU's "we're misunderstood" martyr-complex, and recurrent *Carroll News* bashing. Instead, use the positive momentum of the SABB for continued motivation.

In her speech, Tavalario defended the Union in lieu of criticism and reacted to questions raised against the purpose of the SU. She said, "we are determined to make this a revolutionary year," revolutionaries take aggressive action for a unified cause.

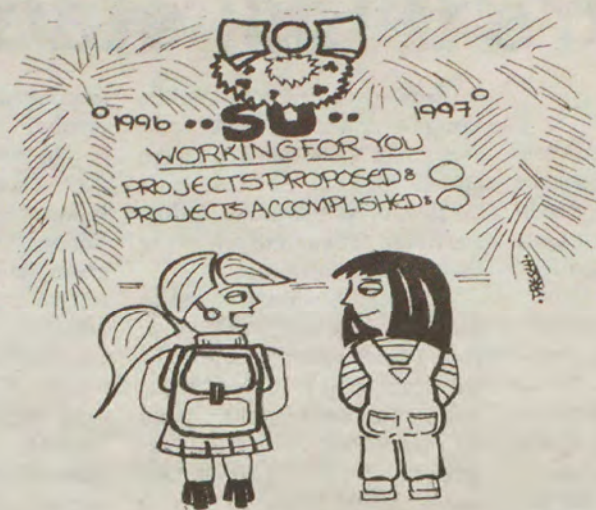
If the SU is the voice of the students, why is it mute on the issues that concern all students? While the SABB was the Union's main focus for the past six months, what else was in the works? The SABB only affects 30 percent of the student body. What was the executive board planning for the other 70 percent?

While George Bush ran successfully on the premise of four more years of Reagan, we did not plan to vote for another term of John Cranley.

Read our lips: The SU is our voice, and we want it to represent all of us.

HITS & misses

HIT: Albert Belle working out--and signing autographs--in the JCU Cardio-Room. **miss:** No hot water in Campion Hall. Why don't we just get up in the morning and go roll in the frost? **miss:** Christmas Carroll Eve a week earlier--without the late-night buffet. **HIT:** That great big beautiful Christmas tree in the Atrium. **miss:** Its unfortunate location. Try ducking around a twenty-foot tall artificial spruce during the noontime rush. **HIT:** The lit-up winter wonderland that is the JCU Quad. Now we need some snow (though not *too* much snow) to make it picture perfect.



"How can you argue with a perfect record?"

Old Godzilla Movies

I grew up in Cleveland. I was born in a farm town on the West Side and lived there until I moved into the dorm at Carroll. After my first year of school, I moved into an apartment in Little Italy. I went home on the weekends and did my laundry and my mom cooked me dinner. Now I am in Tokyo. How did this happen?

Consider this: It is possible for an American to be born in America and remain there until he or she dies, never having left the country. This is a fact that I tell my friends here, and it is one of the hardest things for them to understand about Americans.

Did you know that you have an accent? You speak American English. You also have a culture.

In the same way that people talk about the Japanese culture or German culture, there is an American culture.

Maybe you already know this, but if you talk to someone other than an American or travel outside the States, you will find this to be a startling reality. You find out that you are categorized just like everybody else. You have certain expectations and stereotypes placed on you. People have read about you in books and expect you to behave in a certain way.

There is really no way for me to convince you of this. Had I not seen for myself, I never would have believed it. In the Chinese language, the word for China means "center of the world." Scoff now but this is exactly the attitude that I see in Americans. Until I came to Japan, I believed that America had

the world wrapped around its little finger. I am sure you can guess my thoughts on that issue now. You have college, then graduate school or a career, maybe doctoral work or an internship, plus you have to start thinking about a family of your own. You have so much to do before reaching 30. You probably have no time or money for traveling let alone studying in another country. Neither did I. To date, I have not heard one good excuse as to

why not study abroad. There is too much to be gained to miss this opportunity. You are in luck. In your school and community there are exchange students and foreigners. You can find them anywhere if you look. Based on personal experience, these people are more than happy to talk to you even if you are a stranger.

They are here to learn about the American culture. Talk to them. Found out what they are thinking. Ask them about politics and music. Then ask them what they think about the American culture.

You have the opportunities all around you to learn about the rest of the world. If you would like to take it a step further, John Carroll would love for you to be a representative of your school. They can send you to places you have only heard about and never imagined visiting. Imagine one more thing: Until I came to Japan, the only pictures I had seen of Tokyo were cardboard replicas in old Godzilla movies. Now every day I see the real thing. So next time you see a Godzilla movie, look for me shouting and waving from the window of a building. I'll be the one with the strange accent.

Andrew Schlegelmilch
Foreign Correspondent



Commentary

Tis the season of *not* giving

Where were you the morning after Thanksgiving? Let me make a wild guess. In the dark, still moments before the sunrise, as refrigerator frost lightly dusted the Thanksgiving leftovers, you crouched, charge card in hand, in the icy parking lot of your neighborhood megamall with thousands of other born-to-shoppers, some of them who had roasted yesterday's turkey over hibachis in pup tents next to their cars and minivans. You waited, just waited, for the santa-capped mall cops to haul out their jingle-string of keys, throw open the front door, and scramble from the throng of oncoming shoppers like a herd of rabid reindeer pursued them. I was there, too. In fact, I might have been the one at Toys R Us who punched you in the nose in order to snatch up the last Tickle-Me Elmo for my newborn cousin.

Take it back. You heard me. Gather up the sweaters and cologne bottles and pink slips and receipts, which I hope you saved, and take it all back (except for the gift boxes they give you at your finer department stores—heaven knows they run out of those by the second week of December).

What? Break a tradition as old as gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Show up on Christmas Eve without something to shove into waiting arms? Have I been dipping in the egg nog already? Well, go look at your shopping bags. Chances are, after hours of wandering around the mall with indigestion from your greasy lunch of pepperoni pizza in pursuit of THE PERFECT GIFT, you threw up your hands and bought something in a puke orange color, made from that incredibly itchy lamb's wool, two sizes too small anyway, right? Now look at all the names on the Christmas list you started with. Could

everything those people have meant to you over the years possibly be reciprocated or contained in that Body Shop White Musk bath set, or that Shoebox Greetings mug proclaiming "I Love My Attitude Problem" filled with Brach's Root Beer Barrels? Look at that list again, and this time, think not of what you can buy, but what you can do. For example:

Write a letter, a real letter, three pages at least, on paper that smells like pine needles. Cook dinner for your grandmother, antipasto to tiramisu, using her own recipes, and then sit down and listen, really listen, to all her stories again. Organize and alphabetize somebody's CD collection, swiping the backs of the CDs with Kleenex and turning them upright in their jewel cases. Show up at an old friend's house with a bottle of Cutty Sark and a

cheesy 80's movie you saw together when you were kids. Have an all-night video game marathon with your brother and don't gloat when you kick his ass at Mortal Kombat again. Give a good long shoulder massage. Collect a bunch of poems that remind you of someone and read them out loud. Roast marshmallows over the fireplace (if you're miles away from the nearest hearth, light one of those candles you've got stuck in wine bottles and roast mini-marshmallows with cocktail forks). Wear that leather miniskirt you think degrades women out to dinner *just this once*.

The combinations are as endless as the ingredients in Christmas fruitcake. But the spirit remains the same. In this season of hustle and bustle and constant holiday confusion, take somebody you care about by the hand and give them two things nobody can get enough of—time and good old fashioned talk. That never collects dust on the closet shelf.

Christine Dresch
Opinion Editor



Commentary

The auto industry and air bags

Safer designs have been developed but not used

By Joan Claybrook

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In 1983 the U.S. Supreme Court said: "For nearly a decade the automobile industry waged the regulatory equivalent of war against the air bag and lost..."

Commentary

Now, in the face of hard evidence about inadequate air bag designs in a number of car models, the industry is waging war against advocates who pushed it for 20 years to install these technological vaccines that already have saved more than 1,500 lives.

Through misleading and inaccurate handouts distributed to selected reporters, U.S. auto representatives are trying to shift responsibility from themselves for harm

occurring in low-speed crashes to mostly unrestrained children and small adults.

Unfortunately, The Post has accepted and reprinted some of this misleading and inaccurate information.

The auto companies have known for 20 years that unrestrained children positioned next to the opening of the air bag when it inflates could be harmed; General Motors raised the issue in testimony in 1969.

However, by the following year GM had overcome its reservations and announced it would voluntarily make air bags available on all its cars by the 1975 model year. GM eventually produced dual-inflation system air bags (less power in low-speed crashes and more in high-speed), which were sold to the public in more than 10,000 cars between 1974 and 1976. These highly successful air bags inflated in more than 200 crashes involving more than 300 people, including 15 children sitting in front seats. GM did not feel it necessary to offer warnings on the danger to children posed by these bags, and indeed no child was killed or seriously injured by them.

The Post, in a front-page article on Nov. 21, ("U.S. Doubts on Air Bags Date to '69") published factually incorrect information,

misquoting statements I made in 1979, when I was national highway traffic safety administrator. For example: "Claybrook said on Oct. 2, 1979, that GM's evidence of potential child injury from air bags is 'fragmentary and speculative.' Even if there were child injuries, 'the trade-off in terms of saving thousands of lives clearly outweighs these extraordinary and infrequent risks,' Claybrook told the media then."

But the words I spoke about risks concerned safety belts, not air bags, as my printed statement clearly shows. Those words were prefaced by these: "Nearly every automotive system has some element of risk, and some limitations on its effectiveness. Safety belts, for example, are acknowledged to be superior crash protection devices, but their use occasionally results in injury from forces being concentrated on a vulnerable part of the body."

Honest mistake or not, The Post should not

print a statement by me from second hand source on a particularly sensitive subject without first asking me whether it was correct.

In Sep-

tember 1979, GM announced it would not offer air bags in its 1981 models because of concern about the "potential risk of injury to unrestrained small children." On Oct. 1 of that year, I said the company's evidence was fragmentary and speculative. My concerns were reinforced 10 weeks later when GM reversed course and according to news accounts, "claimed an engineering breakthrough," declared it had "worked out the child restraint problems" and confirmed that it would offer driver and passenger air bags in some larger 1982 models.

This about-face coincided with a GM marketing report revealing that buyers overwhelmingly preferred air bags to passive safety belts, even at a cost of \$360 or more. Six months after that, despite the breakthrough, GM announced it would not provide air bags as options in its 1982 models but would delay their introduction for another year. This delay, said GM Chairman Thomas Murphy, would save his company \$20 million.

I took GM's September 1979 position concerning risks to children very seriously. In an

Oct. 1, 1979, press conference, I announced the designation of a special team of engineers, medical experts and accident-data analysts to investigate the GM concerns, review relevant data from all auto companies, air bag suppliers and other specialists and "immediately carry out whatever studies are required to resolve any outstanding issues."

Following extensive testing and analysis, the specialists recommended a number of design changes, such as dual-inflation air bags, chambering the air bags and top-mounting them next to the windshield above the head of a standing toddler. All of this research was made available to the auto companies. It is their responsibility to explain why improved air bag designs were not installed in cars being sold today.

Under my authority, the agency in 1978 also undertook a nationwide effort to get enactment of child-restraint usage laws in every state, a goal achieved by 1984.

After Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole reissued the passive-restraint standard in 1984, the auto industry petitioned the NHTSA to delay introduction of passenger air bags. It was given until 1993, allowing plenty of time

to perfect designs to protect unrestrained children.

But despite knowledge of the performance of the air bags they designed, promoted and are selling to the public, the auto companies until now have not explicitly warned occupants with an obvious and unequivocal label on the dashboard that all infants and children should ride in the rear seat.

Now that the NHTSA has at last initiated proposals to require all cars to be clearly labeled until they are equipped with improved or "smart" air bags, the auto companies should stop trying to corrupt the public record and focus on doing what they ought to have done initially: making better air bags.

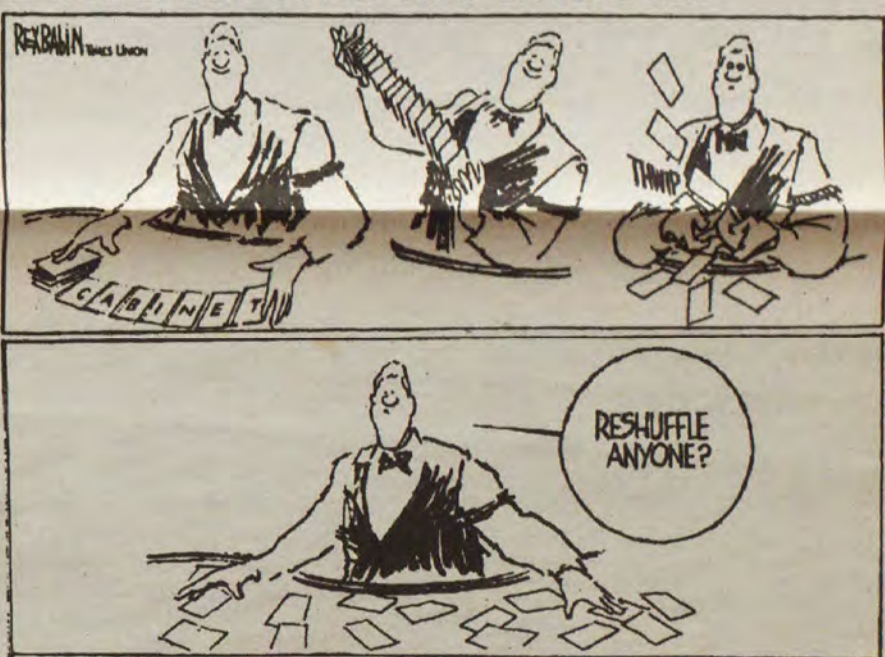
In the meantime, air bag injuries to children can be eliminated immediately if children are properly restrained in the back seat. Infants in rear-facing seats should never be in the front seat. If children must be in the front seat, they always should be restrained, and the seat should be in the most rearward position.

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You are the person to help stop abortion

If you have not heard about the New Jersey teen-ager who, along with his girlfriend, killed their newborn child, then you are going to be shocked. The 18-year-old college freshman decided to bring his pregnant girlfriend, also 18, to a Comfort Inn to deliver their baby. The next day, police found the body of this baby in the hotel dumpster with crushed skull. Does this disgust you? It disgusted me and it disgusted millions of other Americans. Now, prosecutors have announced that they will seek the death penalty for both the teenager and his girlfriend.

You may be asking yourself exactly why I am writing. Well, here is my point. This couple could have gone to an abortion clinic that same day instead of the Comfort Inn. If they had done so, that baby could have been killed legally by an abortionist in the name of choice. If the teens had chosen abortion, then they would not have been prosecuted, nor would the media have reported the incident. But, is the crime not the same? Late term abortion procedures involve crushing the baby's skull. For instance, if they had chosen a partial birth abortion, then the abortionist would have delivered the baby in the breech position and, with only the child's head in the

mothers' womb, poked scissors into the baby's skull and sucked out the brain. After removing the brain, the baby's skull would collapse. The baby receives no anesthesia and feels the pain of the procedures.

In both the couple's infanticide case and in the case of abortion, the baby is left dead with a crushed skull. But, since the teenagers fully delivered the baby before crushing its skull, they are being prosecuted with first degree murder and face the death penalty. The abortionist, on the other hand, is being rewarded with a generous salary. There is really no difference between them except that one is legal and one is not.

Could the teenager not argue that they were taking advantage of their right to choose when they killed their child? When abortion supporters argue that they are pro-choice, they are not defining the nature of the choice to which they are referring. Abortion is a life versus death issue. This is the true choice at stake. In over 1,000,000 US. late term cases per year, abortion is no different than the crime of infanticide committed by these New Jersey teens. Why, then, is there a difference in the law? It is time to fight legalized abortion with con-

viction of the heart. This is the time, John Carroll is the place, and you are the person. Do not let another 1.5 million US. children die by abortion this year. Please help to change these inhumane laws and outlaw abortion on demand. Write your legislators, write to your local newspapers, join a pro-life group, or volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center today.

Patrick McGannon
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